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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – 'Bitcoin Maven' Gets Federal Prison for Money Laundering

(U) Theresa Tetley, dubbed the "Bitcoin Maven" for illegally laundering the digital currency, has been sentenced to a year and a day in federal prison. Prosecutors say the former stockbroker laundered millions of dollars' worth of bitcoins through an unlicensed bitcoin-for-cash service. Authorities say she had customers around the country — including one client who's suspected of selling drugs on the dark web. Tetley pleaded guilty to money laundering and operating an unlicensed money transmitting business. Besides her prison sentence, Tetley was fined \$20,000 and ordered to forfeit 40 bitcoins, about \$292,000 in cash and 25 gold bars. A single bitcoin currently is worth about \$6,700. SOURCE: 9 July 2018, Associated Press

(U) Los Angeles – Long Beach Man Gets 27-Years For Role in Drug Ring

(U) A Long Beach man was sentenced yesterday to nearly 27 years in federal prison for running a narcotics-distribution ring that imported a powerful synthetic opioid from China used to produce homemade pills that were sold in bulk across the nation. Gary Resnik, 33, led a conspiracy that imported acetylfentanyl, a drug very similar to the powerful and highly addictive opioid fentanyl. Acetylfentanyl, which is many times more potent than heroin, and is not approved for any use in the United States. Resnik pleaded guilty last August to two felony offenses -- conspiracy to manufacture and distribute narcotics, including acetylfentanyl and ecstasy, and possession with the intent to distribute acetylfentanyl.

SOURCE: 9 July 2018, Patch

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Border Patrol Agents Find Opium Paste Taped 'Like Implants'

(U) Salton City – A suspected smuggler had opium paste taped to his buttocks was arrested last week while driving on a rural highway in Imperial County near the Salton Sea, Customs and Border Protection officials said on 9 July. The 28-year-old US citizen pulled up to a Border Patrol checkpoint on State Route 86 east of Ocotillo Wells on 4 July, CBP spokesman Jose Enriquez Jr. said. While the man waited to approach the Border Patrol agent stationed at the checkpoint, a drug-sniffing dog zeroed in on his SUV, prompting agents to direct him to the secondary inspection area, Enriquez said. While searching the car and the driver, agents discovered more than 2.2 pounds of opium paste taped to his buttocks. SOURCE: 9 July 2018, The San Diego Union-Tribune

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Pennsylvania – Man Drove Through Group Protesting Police Shooting

(U) North Versailles – A Pennsylvania man accused of driving through a crowd of people protesting the fatal police shooting of an unarmed black teenager has been charged with reckless endangerment. The charge against 69-year-old Ronald Hinerman was announced yesterday, a day after the North

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Versailles man allegedly struck at least one protester. Police had closed roadways in North Versailles to allow protesters "unimpeded movement," but protesters eventually moved to a nearby highway and shut down the intersection.

SOURCE: 10 July 2018, Associated Press

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – Suicide Bomber Kills 12

(U) Kabul – A suicide bombing in eastern Afghanistan killed at least 12 people today, including two intelligence service agents and 10 civilians, authorities said. The Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) in the Khorasan Province claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement. Attahullah Khogyani, spokesman for the provincial governor, said five others, including two security forces and three civilians, were wounded in the attack in Jalalabad, the provincial capital. The bomber was on foot and targeted the intelligence service, said Khogyani.

SOURCE: 10 July 2018, Associated Press

(U) Mexico - California Woman Killed in Mexico City Shooting

(U) Mexico City – Mexico City authorities are investigating the death of a US tourist killed by what appeared to be a stray bullet in a shooting at a taco restaurant in a wealthy capital neighborhood. The US Bureau of Consular Affairs confirmed the death and released the victim's name, Tatiana Mirutenko, in a statement. She was reportedly from San Francisco. The city prosecutor's office says the 27-year-old American woman was leaving the restaurant early Saturday when gunmen aboard a motorcycle fired on a man authorities identified as a bouncer at an area bar.

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